## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

BRUCE MCCOY,	§	
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Plaintiff,	<b>§</b>	
	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-CV-979
v.	§	
	§	Jury Demand
GENERAL MOTORS LLC and	§	
ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

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May 4, 2021

ATTN: Clerk of Court Via E-FILE

Tarrant County Civil Courthouse

Tom Vandergriff Civil Courts Building, 100 Calhoun St,

Fort Worth, Texas 76196

RE: Cause No.: Original Petition

Bruce McCoy v. General Motors LLC., and Ed Morse Automotive LLC. Original Petition

Dear Court Clerk:

Enclosed is a copy of the plaintiff's original petition.

Please issue the citations to constable for service and return a file marked copy via email of the original petition,

Please provide me copies of the citation that will be issued to the constable for my records.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

Attorney Arnesia B. Davis

The Law Office of Arnesia B. Davis

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DeSoto, Texas 75115

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VS.	§	TARRANT COUNTY,
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GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC.	§	
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## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION WITH ATTACHED REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE TO DEFENDANT

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BRUCE MCCOY, hereinafter called Plaintiff, complaining of and about GENERAL MOTORS and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., hereinafter called Defendants, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

## I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2. Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2 as dictated by Rule 190.3 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

## II. PARTIES SERVICE

Plaintiff BRUCE MCCOY is an individual residing in Dallas, County.

Defendants are GENERAL MOTORS LLC., may be served through their registered agent of service CT Corporation at 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suit 620 Austin, Texas 78701-4234 USA. ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., may be served through their registered agent of service CT Corporation at 1999 Bryan St. STE 900 Dallas, Texas 75201-3140 USA.

## III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court. Venue in Tarrant County is proper in this cause under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code because all the events giving rise to this claim occurred in Tarrant County.

## IV. FACTS

At approximately 3:47 a.m. on May 5, 2019, BRUCE MCCOY was driving Southbound in the 7500 Block of S HWY 360 in the #2 lane when the vehicle's ECM and the Transmissions Accumulator Bolts malfunctioned, causing him to suddenly lose control of his vehicle and collide with the guard rail on the East side of the highway. The impact was so severe that it caused the Plaintiff to blackout from the severe collision into the guardrail.

### V. PROPERTY DAMAGE

The property damage to the vehicle the Plaintiff was driving was so extensive that it had to be towed from the scene.

## VI. LIABILITY OF GENERAL MOTORS LLC., AND ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., are liable to the Plaintiff due to the fact that they placed a defective vehicle in the chain of commerce. GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., caused this catastrophic incident due to the following acts:

- a. Intentionally placing a defective vehicle into the chain of commerce;
- b. Failing to properly notify the plaintiff of defective vehicle;
- c. Failing to timely issue a recall when, they had knowledge of such defect.

## VII. DAMAGES

As a result of the malfunction, Plaintiff has suffered injury including the following:

- a. Lost Wages, including lost benefits;
- b. Physical Pain in the past;
- c. Physical Pain in the future;
- d. Mental Anguish in the past;
- e. Mental Anguish in the future;
- f. Physical Impairment in the past and future;
- g. Disfigurement;
- h. Medical Expense in the Past;
- i. Medical Expense in the Future;
- j. Prejudgment Interest;
- k. Post judgment Interest;

1. Costs of Court.

## VIII. .IURY DEMAND

Plaintiff herein demands a trial by jury.

### IX. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that upon final hearing hereof, Plaintiff have:

- Judgment against Defendants for the actual and special damages suffered by Plaintiff as a result of Defendants' conduct, in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- 2. Cost of Suit;
- 3. Prejudgment and Post Judgment interest as provided by law;
- 4. Such other further relief to which Plaintiff may show

himself justly entitled.

### REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

TO DEFENDANTS: GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC.: Pursuant to Rule 194, you are requested to disclose, within 50 days of service of this request, the information or materials described in Rule 194.2.

SIGNED on May 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Arnesia B. Davis Arnesia B. Davis State Bar No. 24096363 a.davis@areuhrt.com

ARNESIA B. DAVIS, PLLC. P.O. Box 1493 DeSoto, Texas 75115 Telephone (833) 273-8478 Facsimile (833) 273-8478

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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## CITATION

Cause No. 096-325062-21

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TO: GENERAL MOTORS LLC

Signed and sworn to by the said

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B/S REG AGENT-CT CORPORATION 211 E 7TH ST STE 620 AUSTIN, TX 78701-4234

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## BRUCE MCCOY

VS. GENERAL MOTORS LLC., ET AL

TO: ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC

B/S REG AGENT-CT CORPORATION 1999 BRYAN ST STE 900 DALLAS, TX 75201-3140

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Filed in said Court on May 5th, 2021 Against GENERAL MOTORS LLC, ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC

For suit, said suit being numbered 096-325062-21 the nature of which demand is as shown on said PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION WITH ATTACHED REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE TO >EFENDANT a copy of which accompanies this citation.

# ARNESIA B DAVIS Attorney for BRUCE MCCOY Phone No. (833)273-8478 Address PO BOX 1493 DESOTO, TX 75115

Thomas A. Wilder , Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Fort Worth, this the 6th day of May, 2021.

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County of

**CITAHON** 

Cause No. 096-325062-21

BRUCE MCCOY

VS.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC., El' AL

**ISSUED** 

This 6th day of May. 2021

Thomas A. Wilder Tarrant County District Clerk 100 N CALHOUN FORT WORTH TX 76196-0402 NATALIE THIGPEN Deputy

ARNESIA B DAVIS

Attorney for: BRUCE MCCOY

Phone No. (833)273-8478 ADDRESS: PO BOX 1493 **DESOTO, TX 75115** 

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#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BRUCE MCCOY, hereinafter called Plaintiff, complaining of and about GENERAL MOTORS and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., hereinafter called Defendants, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

## I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2. Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2 as dictated by Rule 190.3 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

## II. PARTIES SERVICE

Plaintiff BRUCE MCCOY is an individual residing in Dallas, County.

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#### **BRUCE MCCOY**

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TO: GENERAL MOTORS LLC

B/S REG AGENT-CT CORPORATION 211 E 7TH ST STE 620 AUSTIN, TX 78701-4234

You said DEFENDANTS are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIG	GINAL PETI	TION W	ITH
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. Clerk of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Fort worth, this the 6th day of May, 2021.

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GENERAL MOTORS LLC., a ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE Defendants			JUDICIAL DISTRICT
			WITH ATTACHED DEFENDANT

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BRUCE MCCOY, hereinafter called Plaintiff, complaining of and about GENERAL MOTORS and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., hereinafter called Defendants, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

## I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2. Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2 as dictated by Rule 190.3 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

## II. PARTIES SERVICE

Plaintiff BRUCE MCCOY is an individual residing in Dallas, County.

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<b>GENERAL MOTORS LLC and</b>	§	
ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	96TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## GENERAL MOTORS LLC'S OBJECTIONS, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, AND ORIGINAL ANSWER

Defendant General Motors LLC ("GM LLC") files these Objections, Special Exceptions, and Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition with Attached Requests for Disclosure (the "Petition") and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

## I. OBJECTIONS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

1. GM LLC objects and specially excepts to the Petition because it fails to specify the maximum amount of damages claimed. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47, GM LLC hereby requests the Court require Plaintiff to replead, specifying the maximum amount of damages claimed. Per Rule 47, Plaintiff may not conduct discovery until his pleading is amended to comply. *See* Tex. R. Civ. P. 47(d).

## II. SUBJECT TO OBJECTIONS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, GM LLC'S GENERAL DENIAL

2. With the exception of admitting the terms and existence of applicable recalls, , pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, GM LLC denies each and every material allegation contained in the Petition, demands strict proof thereof, and to the extent such matters

are questions of fact, says Plaintiff should prove such facts by a preponderance of the evidence to a jury if he can do so.

#### III.

### SUBJECT TO OBJECTIONS AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, GM LLC'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 3. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC would show the Court the accident in question and any alleged resulting injuries or damages were the result of negligent acts and/or omissions of others and/or third parties beyond GM LLC's control—including, but not limited to, Plaintiff—whose acts or omissions were a proximate cause, producing cause, sole proximate cause, or sole producing cause of the accident in question and any alleged resulting injuries or damages. *See* Tex. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE § 33.001 *et. seq.*
- 4. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC pleads it is entitled to a presumption against liability, pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code section 82.008(a).
- 5. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC asserts the limitations of damages recoverable as provided by applicable portions of the Texas Business and Commerce Code (including but not limited, §§ 2.316 and 2.719); the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code (including but not limited to Chapters 32, 33 and 38); the exclusion of implied warranties as provided by applicable portions of the Texas Business and Commerce Code (including, but not limited to, § 2.316); and any other applicable statute or rule of law, and any other applicable affirmative defenses contained in the Texas Business and Commerce Code and the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code.
- 6. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, the subject vehicle complied with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and other applicable federal

requirements as they relate to the alleged defects asserted in this case. Accordingly, GM LLC

pleads Plaintiff's claims may be barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of federal preemption.

7. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC states

in the unlikely event that an adverse judgment would be rendered against it, GM LLC is entitled

to all available credits and/or offsets as provided by the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code

and under Texas law.

8. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC

contends that any claims for medical or health care expenses are limited to the amount actually

paid or incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

§ 41.0105.

9. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC states

that, pursuant to § 18.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to the extent Plaintiff is

seeking recovery for loss of earnings, lost wages, loss of earning capacity, loss of inheritance,

and/or loss of contributions of a pecuniary value, Plaintiff must present evidence of the alleged

loss in the form of a net loss after reduction for income tax payments or unpaid tax liability

pursuant to any federal income tax law.

10. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC asserts

that any claims brought by Plaintiff are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

11. Pleading further, alternatively, and by way of affirmative defense, GM LLC states

that to the extent Plaintiff failed to maintain or preserve the subject vehicle and/or its component

parts in their immediate post-accident condition, such party may be responsible for spoliation and

Plaintiff may not maintain an action against GM LLC.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC'S OBJECTIONS, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, AND ORIGINAL ANSWER 12. GM LLC hereby gives notice that it intends to rely upon such other defenses or denials as may become available or appear during discovery as it proceeds in this matter, and hereby reserves the right to amend its Answer to assert such defenses.

## III. <u>Jury Demand</u>

13. GM LLC respectfully demands a jury for the trial of this matter.

## IV. <u>Prayer</u>

Defendant GM LLC respectfully requests that Plaintiff take nothing by reason of this suit; that GM LLC recover its costs herein expended; and for such other and further relief, both at law and in equity, to which GM LLC may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Deron L. Wade

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record according to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on this the 18 day of June, 2021.

/s/ Deron L. Wade

DERON L. WADE

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VS.	§	96 JUDICIAL COURT
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GENERAL MOTORS LLC, and	§	
ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC,	§	
Defendants.	<b>§</b>	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

## DEFENDANT ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Defendant Ed Morse Automotive, LLC d/b/a Freedom Chevrolet Buick GMC by Ed Morse ("Defendant") and files this its Original Answer, and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

### **General Denial**

Pursuant to Rule 92, Defendant exercises its right to deny generally, each and every, all and singular the allegations of the Plaintiff's Original Petition and all amendments and supplements thereto and demands strict proof thereof.

### **Affirmative Defenses**

Defendant seeks indemnity from the manufacturer.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that this matter be set for hearing, that upon hearing, the Court enter a take nothing judgment against Plaintiff, tax all costs of court against Plaintiff, and grant such other and further relief, in law or in equity, to which they may show themselves to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021, a true and correct copy of the above foregoing document was served in accordance with Rule 21a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure via e-mail through the EFM.

/s/ Tom C. Clark
Tom C. Clark

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VS.	§	TARRANT COUNTY,
	§	TEXAS
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GENERAL MOTORS LLC, and	<b>§</b>	96TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FREEDOM CHEVROLET		
BUICK GMC BY ED MORSE.,		
Defendants		

# PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION WITH ATTACHED REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE TO DEFENDANT

### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES BRUCE MCCOY, hereinafter called Plaintiff, complaining of and about GENERAL MOTORS and BUICK GMC BY ED MORSE., hereinafter called Defendants, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

I.

### DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2. Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2 as dictated by Rule 190.3 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II.

#### **PARTIES SERVICE**

Plaintiff BRUCE MCCOY is an individual residing in Dallas, County.

Defendants are GENERAL MOTORS LLC., may be served through their registered agent of service CT Corporation at 211 E. 7 Street, Suit 620 Austin, Texas 78701-4234 USA. ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., may be served through their registered agent of service CT Corporation at 1999 Bryan St. STE 900 Dallas, Texas 75201-3140 USA.

#### III.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court. Venue in Tarrant County is proper in this cause under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code because all the events giving rise to this claim occurred in Tarrant County.

IV.

#### **FACTS**

At approximately 3:47 a.m. on May 5, 2019, BRUCE MCCOY was driving Southbound in the 7500 Block of S HWY 360 in the #2 lane when the vehicle's ECM and the Transmissions Accumulator Bolts Malfunctioned, causing him to suddenly lose control of his vehicle and collide with the guard rail on the East side of the roadway. The impact was so severe that it caused Mr. McCoy to blackout from the sever collision into the guardrail.

### V.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

The property damage to the vehicle the Plaintiff was driving was so extensive that it had to be towed from the scene.

### VI.

## LIABILITY OF GENERAL MOTORS, LLC. AND FREEDOM CHEVORLET BUICK GMC BY ED MORSE

GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., are liable to the Plaintiff due to the fact that they placed a defective vehicle in the chain of commerce.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and ED MORSE AUTOMOTIVE LLC., caused this catastrophic incident due to the following acts:

- a. Intentionally placing a defective vehicle into the chain of commerce;
- b. Failing to properly notify the plaintiff of defective vehicle;
- c. Failing to timely issue a recall when, they had knowledge of such defect.

#### VII.

#### **DAMAGES**

As a result, Plaintiff has suffered injury including the following:

- a. Lost Wages, including lost benefits;
- b. Physical Pain in the past;
- c. Physical Pain in the future;
- d. Mental Anguish in the past;
- e. Mental Anguish in the future;
- f. Physical Impairment in the past and future;
- g. Disfigurement;
- h. Medical Expense in the Past;
- i. Medical Expense in the Future;
- j. Prejudgment Interest;
- k. Post judgment Interest;
- l. Costs of Court.

#### VIII.

## **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff herein demands a trial by jury.

#### IX

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

**Breach of Express Warranties** 

- a. Plaintiff, individually, hereby incorporates each and every allegation as though fully set forth herein.
- b. General Motors breached its express warranties by offering for sale and selling defective vehicles that were by design and construction defective and unsafe, thereby subjecting the occupant of the vehicle to damages and risks of loss and injury.
- c. General Motors is under a continuing duty to inform its customers of the nature and existence of potential defects in the vehicles sold.
- d. For each vehicle sold by General Motors, an expressed written warranty was issued that covered the vehicle, which warranted the vehicle to be free of defects in materials and workmanship at the time of delivery.
- e. General Motors breached of its express warranties proximately caused the Plaintiff to suffer damages in excess of \$1,000,000.00.

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### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

## **Breach of Implied Warranties**

- a. Plaintiff, individually, hereby incorporates each and every allegation as though fully set forth herein.
- b. General Motors impliedly warranted that the vehicles, which it designed,
   manufactured, sold, or leased to Plaintiff, were merchantable, fit and safe for their

- ordinary use, not otherwise injurious to consumers, and would come with adequate safety warnings.
- c. Because the vehicle was equipped with defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors, the vehicle used by Plaintiff was unsafe, unfit for use when sold, threatened injury to its occupants, and was not merchantable.
  General Motors breached the implied warranty of merchantability to the Plaintiff, in that vehicles were not fit for their ordinary purpose and not merchantable.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of General Motor breach of implied warranty of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, Plaintiff suffered damages in excess of \$1,000,000.00.
- e. General Motors is under a continuing duty to inform its customers of the nature and existence of potential defects in the vehicles sold.

#### $\mathbf{XI}$

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **Equitable Injunctive and Declaratory Relief**

- a. The Deceptive Trade Practices Act prohibits the use of any "unfair or deceptive trade practice" in the sale or lease of any consumer goods or services.
- b. General Motors violated the Deceptive Trade Practices Act by, inter alia, engaging in the following unfair deceptive acts or practices:
  - Failing to disclose material facts that deceived and had the tendency to deceive; and

2. Engaging in deception, misrepresentation, or knowing concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with the intent that a consumer rely on the same in connection with: (I) the promotion or sale of consumer goods or services; or (II) the subsequent performance of a merchant with respect to an agreement of sale or lease.

#### XII

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### **Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA)**

- a. General Motors violated the DTPA by concealing, suppressing or omitting material facts regarding the Vehicle, including, but not limited to, the fact that the Vehicle's electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensor are defective, that as a result of such defect, the Vehicle's defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensor fail prematurely, and that the const of replacing or repairing the defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position is high. This concealed or omitted information is the type of information upon which a consumer would be expected to rely on in making a decision whether to purchase, or how much to pay for, the Vehicles.
- b. General Motors concealed, suppressed or omitted these material facts in conducing trade and commerce with the intent that Plaintiff would rely on the omissions in the purchase of the Vehicle.

- c. General Motors intended that Plaintiff would rely on its concealment and omission of material facts, which occurred in the course of conduct involving trade and commerce.
- d. Defendants' practices, acts, policies and course of conduct violated the DTPA's prohibition on unfair and deceptive conduct in that:
  - At the time of sale, Defendant knowingly and intentionally omitted and concealed material information regarding the Vehicle by failing to disclose to Plaintiff the defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors and the associated Engine Power Reduced defect.
  - 2. Thereafter, Defendant failed to disclose the defect to Plaintiff, through warnings, recall notices, and/or actively concealed from them that the Vehicle's electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors were defective, even though the company knew of such defects:

    (1) at the time of manufacture, when it was created the electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors in a manner unable to provide for consistently stable driving; (2) from complaints to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and to web forums actively monitored by General Motors; (3) when, on information and belief, General Motors internal analyses determined the ubiquity of the problem upon learning that the accelerator pedal position sensors were on backorder.

- 3. Based on these and, upon information and belief, other internal studies and investigations, Defendant knew with certainty that the electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors on the Vehicle would be compromised and that the vehicle would have the Engine power Reduced defect.
- 4. Furthermore, Defendant engaged in materially misleading and deceptive acts by continuing to sell the Vehicles to the consuming public and to represent that these vehicles were in good working order, merchantable, and not defective, despite Defendant's knowledge that the vehicles would not perform as intended, repressed, and warranted and that the above-described defects would cause purchasers to incur significant out-of-pocket costs and expenses.
- 5. Defendants' acts and omissions are unfair in that they (1) offend public policy; (2) are immoral, unethical, oppressive, or unscrupulous; and (3) cause substantial injury to consumers. Defendant has, through knowing, intentional, material omissions, concealed the true defective nature of the Vehicle.
- 6. Defendants' acts and omissions are also unfair in that they caused substantial injury to consumers far in excess of conceivable benefit; and are injuries or nature that they could not have been reasonably avoided by consumers.

7. Plaintiff seeks restitution of the substantial sums of money expended to diagnose and repair, which Defendant knew about prior to their sale.

#### XII

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

### **Unjust Enrichment**

- a. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint to the extent not inconsistent with the claims asserted in this Count.
- b. By its wrongful acts and omissions described herein, including selling a Vehicle
  with defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors,
  General Motors was unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs.
- c. Plaintiff conferred a benefit upon General Motors by purchasing the Vehicles at the full price for fully functional vehicles equipped with appropriate and working electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal positions sensors.
- d. General Motors knew that Plaintiff would purchase the Vehicle and still accepted the sum contemplated for fully functional vehicles equipped with appropriate and working electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors.
- e. Under the circumstances it would be inequitable for General Motors nor Ed

  Morse to retain the profits benefits, and other compensation obtained through its

  wrongful conduct in manufacturing, marketing and selling the Vehicles with

  defective electronic throttle control and/or accelerator pedal position sensors to

- Plaintiff. Natural justice and equity require that Plaintiff recover under the circumstances.
- f. Plaintiff, seeks restitution from General Motors and Ed Morse, and an order of this Court proportionally disgorging all profits, benefits, and other compensation wrongly obtained by General Motors for its conduct.

#### XIII

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that upon final hearing hereof, Plaintiff have:

- 1. Judgment against Defendants for the actual and special damages suffered by Plaintiff as a result of Defendants' conduct, in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;
- 2. For an order awarding actual, statutory, punitive, and/or any other form of damages.
- 3. Prejudgment and Post Judgment interest as provided by law;
- 4. Such other further relief to which Plaintiff may show himself justly entitled.
- For an order awarding Plaintiff reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit, including expert witness fees; and
- 6. For an order awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper

## REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

TO DEFENDANTS: GENERAL MOTORS LLC., and FREEDOM CHEVROLET BUICK GMC BY ED MORSE: Pursuant to Rule 194, you are requested to disclose, within 50 days of service of this request, the information or materials described in Rule 194.2.

SIGNED on July 20, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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Defendants.	§	96TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Defendant Ed Morse Automotive LLC d/b/a Freedom Chevrolet Buick GMC by Ed Morse ("Ed Morse Automotive") and its undersigned counsel file this Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel (the "Motion") and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court as follows:

- 1. Defendant Ed Morse Automotive is presently represented by Tom C. Clark and the law firm Clark, Malouf & White, L.L.P. in Dallas, Texas.
- 2. Defendant Ed Morse Automotive requests that Tom C. Clark and the law firm Clark, Malouf & White, L.L.P. be allowed to withdraw herein as attorneys of record for Ed Morse Automotive and that Deron L. Wade, State Bar No. 24008220, and Rebekah L. Hudgins, State Bar No. 24101960, and the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC, 1717 Main Street, Suite 4200, Dallas, Texas 75201, (214) 462-6400 (telephone), (214) 462-6401 (facsimile) be substituted in as counsel of record.
- 3. This Motion is made with the approval of Ed Morse Automotive and is not sought for delay, but so that justice may be done.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Ed Morse Automotive requests this Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel be granted and that Tom C. Clark and the law firm Clark, Malouf & White,

L.L.P. be allowed to withdraw and that Deron L. Wade, Rebekah L. Hudgins, and the law firm Dykema Gossett PLLC be substituted in as counsel of record.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tom C. Clark

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/s/ Deron L. Wade

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record according to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on this the 21 day of July, 2021.

/s/ Tom C. Clark (by permission)

TOM C. CLARK

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# ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Before the Court is the Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel (the "Motion"). Having considered the Motion, the Court finds that the Motion should be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Tom Clark and the law firm of Clark, Malouf & White, L.L.P. are withdrawn and Deron L. Wade and Rebekah L. Hudgins and the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC are substituted in their place as counsel for Defendant Ed Morse Automotive LLC d/b/a Freedom Chevrolet Buick GMC by Ed Morse.

SIGNED this day of	, 2021.
	JUDGE PRESIDING

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Defendants.

96TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

Before the Court is the Motion for Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel (the "Motion"). Having considered the Motion, the Court finds that the Motion should be and is hereby **GRANTED.** 

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED,** and **DECREED** that Tom Clark and the law firm of Clark, Malouf & White, L.L.P. are withdrawn and Deron L. Wade and Rebekah L. Hudgins and the law firm of Dykema Gossett PLLC are substituted in their place as counsel for Defendant Ed Morse Automotive LLC d/b/, Freedom Chevrolet Buick GMC by Ed Morse.

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Please see the enclosed Order signed by the Judge. Thanks & have a great day on purpose.

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